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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS), PBOR, PDEV, PEPR, US, GW
SUBJECT: BRIEFING THE FRG

REFS: (A) SECTO 4091; (B) SECTO 4098; (C) DAR ES SALAAM
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1. THE FOREIGN OFFICE (OFFICE DIRECTOR FOR EAST AND SOUTHERN AFRICA, KREMER) HAS ASKED US IF WE COULD PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION ON SECRETARY VANCE'S TALKS IN AFRICA, PARTICULARLY THOSE WITH VORSTER AND NUJOMA.

2. THOSE TALKS ARE OF OBVIOUS INTEREST TO BONN, BUT WE HESITATE TO PROVIDE A BRIEFING BASED ON REFTELS (EXDIS) WITHOUT SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATION. WE RECOMMEND, HOWEVER, THAT THE FRG OFFICIALLY BE INFORMED -- EITHER IN WASHINGTON OR BONN -- ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE SECRETARY'S TALKS.

3. WE UNDERSTAND FROM OUR BRITISH COLLEAGUES THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE FIVE ARE BEING INVITED TO ASSEMBLE IN LONDON THIS WEEKEND TO DISCUSS SOUTHERN AFRICA. IF SUCH A MEETING DOES TAKE PLACE (GENSCHER
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WILL BE IN LONDON ANYWAY FOR A BRITISH-GERMAN CONSULTATION) THIS WOULD SEEM TO MAKE A TIMELY BRIEFING OF THE FRG ALL THE MORE ADVISABLE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE FOR RESPONDING TO FOREIGN OFFICE REQUEST.
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